

Virginia, came under my notice on July 20, 1913. The writer has been a student of the bird life of this county for the past twenty years, yet this is the first time in his experience that he has been able to positively identify this game bird in this locality.

While sitting on the porch of our residence at Park View in company with his wife the writer was attracted by the peculiar fluttering of a bird which alighted upon the lawn about thirty feet distant. This characteristic and familiar flight recalled instantly to mind this bird which he had formerly often seen in the swampy land about Ithaca, N. Y., but never before here. The bird had hardly alighted before its long bill and large black eyes proclaimed it *Philohela minor*, but an exclamation of surprise from one of us caused it to fly again about ten feet farther away. The writer then followed the stranger behind the shrubbery until it flew into the garden in the rear of the house, where we both under cover of a friendly bush from a distance of only ten feet, calmly watched the owner of those large eyes bore in the damp ground of the potato patch for worms. The protective coloration did not hide it from view at such close range as it was but 8 o'clock in the evening and quite light. After watching the visitor for ten minutes we left him peacefully to pursue his way.—ROBERT B. McLAIN, *Wheeling, W. Va.*

Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*) in Massachusetts.—On September 5, 1913, an Eskimo Curlew was taken on the marsh at East Orleans, Mass., by Mr. John Greenough Rogers.

The bird was alone and when taken the weather was thick and raining with an east wind, and since the afternoon of the day before the wind had been northeast to east with rain most of the time.

After the bird was shot, what appeared like hardened whitish grease formed at the nostrils. The centre feathers of the under tail-coverts and the under sides of the ends of the tail feathers were stained a purple color. There was nothing in the stomach but the bird was very fat.

The specimen was preserved and is now in my collection.—CHARLES R. LAMB, *Cambridge, Mass.*

The Golden Plover (*Charadrius dominicus dominicus*) in Michigan in Spring.—In "Michigan Bird Life," 1912, 210, Prof. Barrows mentions that "although several observers have reported it as seen in spring I have not been able to find a spring specimen in any collection in the state, and it seems likely that these reports may be incorrect." There is a skin in the Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, that was secured on April 20, 1890, by Mr. Norman A. Wood near Pittsfield, one mile north of Saline, Washenau County. There were a flock of some thirty birds feeding in a wet meadow and five were secured from this flock. Two specimens were mounted for some Chicago man, name now forgotten; these were nearly all black on the underparts. The specimen in the Museum collection is in a very advanced plumage.—B. H. SWALES, *Mus. of Zoology, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.*